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METHODS OF THEIR USE


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action, dated November 25, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A method of comparing the phosphorylation states of one or more proteins in two or more samples comprising:

providing a substantially chemically identical and differentially isotopically labeled protein reactive reagent for each sample wherein the protein reactive reagent satisfies the formula:

B-L-PhRG

wherein B is a binding agent, L is a linker group having one or more atoms that are differentially labeled with one or more stable isotopes, and PhRG is a phosphate reactive group that selectively reacts with amino acid residues of the one or more proteins that were formerly phosphorylated;